# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

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INDIA`S CANDIDATURE FOR UNSC
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether England has extended its full support to India regarding its claim for securing a permanent seat in the United Nations Security Council;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the Indian Prime Minister has impressed upon the President of America and other world leaders about this long pending demand during his recent visit to U.S.A.; and

(d) if so, the outcome of this effort?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of the United Kingdom has been fully supportive of India`s candidature for a permanent seat in the United Nations Security Council. The Prime Minister of the United Kingdom reaffirmed his Government`s commitment to India`s candidature for a permanent seat of the United Nations Security Council, during the India-UK Summit held in Udaipur on September 8, 2005.

(c) & (d) During his recent visit to USA in September 2005, the Prime Minister addressed the High-Level Plenary Meeting of the 60th Session of the United Nations General Assembly in which the President of America and several other world leaders participated. In his address to this World Summit, the Prime Minister emphasized that the reform of the United Nations must include the expansion of the UN Security Council in both permanent and non-permanent categories of membership, and called on the United Nations to rectify the democracy deficit. The Government of India continues its efforts to mobilize global support for India`s candidature for a permanent seat in the United Nations Security Council.